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Michigan Crop Weather

September 7, 2021

Field Crops

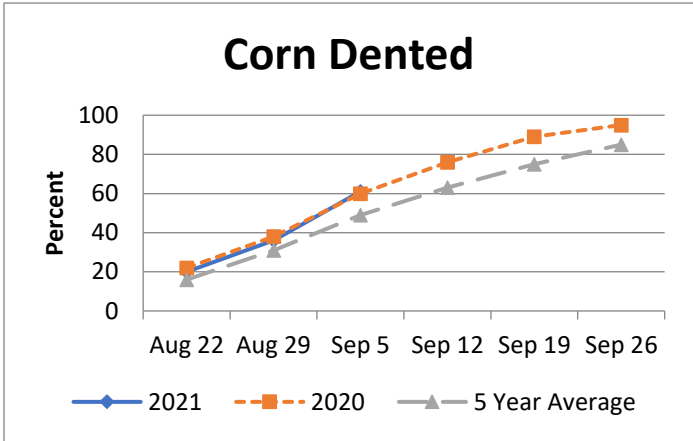
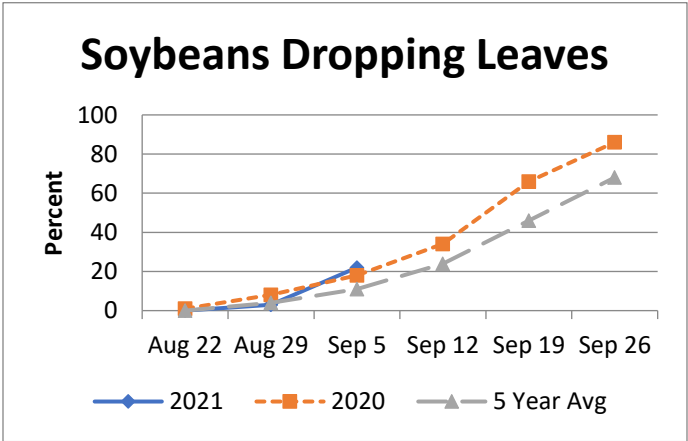
Pleasant and uneventful weather prevailed across the State this week, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director of the Great Lakes Regional Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Michigan during the week ending September 5, 2021. The heat and humidity that dominated weather patterns for much of August was abruptly replaced this week by a cooler and drier air mass. **Seed corn** harvest was underway in the southwest while **silage corn** harvest was ramping up in southern and eastern counties. There have been several reports of tar spot showing up in **corn** fields, causing plants to die prematurely. Some harvesting of **dry beans** began this week while some producers sprayed to desiccate them ahead of harvest. **Wheat** planting was expected to start this week as more ground opened up, but drier soils have some producers waiting before planting wheat. **Hay** cutting continued as conditions allowed, despite the risk of rain. **Soybean** progress remained ahead of the five-year average as 22 percent were dropping leaves and a number of reporters indicated leaves were turning color. Other activities included summer tillage, scouting for pests, and preparing equipment for harvest.

Fruit

Brown marmorated stink bug nymphs and adult numbers increased last week. Spotted wing Drosophila (SWD) numbers remained high. Later season **peaches** like Glowingstar, Cresthaven, and Gloria, were harvested in the Southwest. **Apple** harvest continued with main season Gala being harvested in the Southwest. Cropload was variable. Gala harvest began 9 days earlier than normal. Honeycrisp harvest was still a few weeks off in the Southern part of the State and a month off in the more northern reaches. In the Northwest, early varieties like Ginger Gold were harvested. **Blueberry** harvest in the Southwest wound down. Growers were encouraged to irrigate fields to maintain good plant health and to promote flower bud formation at the end of the season.

Vegetables

Producers throughout the State were continuing to wrap up their vegetable season activities, with many starting work on cleaning up their fields and planting fall cover crops. **Pumpkins** were maturing nicely, and harvest was underway in some areas. **Sweet corn** fields were being harvested amid continued insect presence. Harvest of **carrots** and **peppers** continued throughout Michigan while supply levels of **squash** and **zucchini** remained steady. Some areas throughout the State were faced with high risk for late blight, particularly in the West Central region, but no late blight had been reported for **potatoes** or **tomatoes** to date.



Crop Condition: Week Ending 09/05/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	1	4	25	47	23
Soybeans	1	6	29	45	19
Dry Edible Beans.....	7	15	34	38	6
Sugarbeets	4	8	25	48	15
Range and Pasture	5	23	31	32	9

Crop Progress: Week Ending 09/05/21

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Days Suitable for Fieldwork..	6.5	5.3	-	-
Corn Dough	94	87	91	82
Corn Dented	61	36	60	49
Corn Mature	5	1	8	5
Corn Harvested for Silage	14	4	30	13
Soybeans Dropping Leaves ...	22	3	18	11
Barley Harvested	77	59	82	NA
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves..	80	40	34	26
Dry Edible Beans Harvested..	1	0	0	0
Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting.....	83	75	80	64
Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting	18	7	16	NA
Other Hay 3rd Cutting	58	41	40	36
Other Hay 4th Cutting	1	0	0	NA
Oats Harvested	90	81	99	89
Sugarbeets Harvested	3	NA	4	5

Soil Moisture: Week Ending 09/05/21

Item	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture.....	11	42	45	2
Subsoil moisture.....	9	41	49	1

Weather Summary For Michigan												
Week Ending 2021-09-05								Since April 1				
											GDD Base 50	

Note:

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. Climate normals used are for the 1981-2010 period. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.